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USIA FOR HETHERINGTON (IOA/SS) KARRAS (IOM/AOD)

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: PROGRESS REPORT - EMBASSY ANNEX RENOVATION

REF: KARRAS/HARATUNIAN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

1. THE CONTRACTOR HAS REQUESTED AN INDEFINITE EXTENSION (HE PROBABLY HAS 40 DAYS IN MIND) BECAUSE OF DELAYED PARTS AND RECENT MODIFICATIONS BY THE RSO, MEDICAL UNIT AND USIS. HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO EXPLAIN AND JUSTIFY IN WRITING FOR OUR REVIEW AND DECISION. A 30 TO 40 DAYS EXTENSION MIGHT WELL BE IN ORDER.

IN GENERAL, THE WORK IS ON SCHEDULE BUT WILL PROBABLY START TO LAPSE. PARTS EN ROUTE AND MODIFICATIONS HAVE DELAYED A FEW PROJECTS, CHANGED THE SEQUENCY OF WORK, INTERRUPTED THE SCHEDULE; AND SOME MODERATE EXTRA EXPENSE FOR ADDITIONAL WORK IS REQUIRED. DETAILS, A GENERAL STATUS REPORT, AND ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE REFERENCED TEL/CON FOLLOWS.

2. STATUS REPORT:

A) DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WALLS IS 60 PERCENT COMPLETED. PARTITIONS ARE 50 PERCENT COMPLETED, CARPENTRY 60 PERCENT COMPLETED AND METAL WORK (GRILLS) 35 PERCENT COMPLETED.

B) THE OLD AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM HAS BEEN REMOVED AND THE
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NEW FIBERGLASS DUCTING INSTALLED.

C) THE AIR HANDLERS ARE BEING INSTALLED BUT THE SHIPMENT OF THE PUMP AND 8 MOTORS ARE APPARENTLY STILL BEING DELAYED BECAUSE OF THE US DOCK STRIKE. USIA ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE SHIPPING STATUS AND ETA OF PUMP AND MOTORS SOONEST AS WORK IS BEING DELAYED.

D) INSTALLATION OF THE CHILLER UNIT IN THE EMBASSY GARDEN IS

90 PERCENT COMPLETED. THE TRENCH FOR THE UNDERGROUND PIPE HAS NOW BEEN DELAYED 2 WEEKS BECAUSE OF THE RECENTLY DETERMINED NEED TO INCLUDE A VIDEO CABLE AND SECURITY COMMUNICATION LINES. COSTS BEING DETERMINED AND, DEPENDING ON AMOUNT, ADDITIONAL FUNDS MAY BE REQUESTED.

E) REPLASTERING IS 80 PERCENT COMPLETED, PLUMBING INSTALLATIONS 60 PERCENT COMPLETED, AND ELECTRIC WORK IS 80 PERCENT COMPLETED -- EXCLUSIVE OF TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

F) NEW LIGHTING FIXTURES DESIGNATED "N" ON E3 PLAN HAVE NOT ARRIVED. THEY ARE TO BE INSTALLED BY CONTRACTOR BUT SUPPLIED BY USIA. USIA ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE STATUS OF SHIPPING OF LIGHT FIXTURES.

G) OLD LIGHTING FIXTURES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FOR RECONDITIONING AND WILL BE REINSTALLED BY CONTRACTOR SOON.

H) PLANS FOR THE PAO AUDIO VISUAL WALL NOT RECEIVED. SEE PLAN A-4. USIA ACTION REQUIRED: ADVISE STATUS OF WALL PLANS SOONEST AS CONTRACTOR READY TO PROCEED.

I) CONTRACTOR IS READY TO PAINT SOME ROOMS, USIA ACTION REQUIRED: SEND COLOR SELECTIONS SOONEST.

3. QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFERENCED TEL/CON

A) POST UNDERSTANDS FROM PAO THAT SOME MODIFICATIONS MAY BE MADE IN PROJECTION BOOTH AND FILM ROOM AREA. SEE PLAN A-3
USIA ACTION REQUIRED: ADVISE STATUS OF PLANS TO BUILD PLATFORM FOR PROJECTION BOOTH AND ENTRANCE FROM FILM ROOM AREA.
CONTRACTOR IS READY TO START. FYI, EXISTING PLANS SHOW
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RAISED PLATFORM (WITH STEPS) SO MODIFICATIONS MAY NOT BE REQUIRED. ADVISE.

B) POST UNDERSTANDS USIA WILL SEND DESIGN FOR FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR ENTRANCE DOORS AND COUNTER AREA FOR RECEPTIONIST SECURITY BOOTH ON SECOND FLOOR. CONTRACTOR WILL INSTALL AND PROVIDE ALL PARTS EXCEPT BULLET PROOF GLASS FOR SECURITY BOOTH. SUA ACTION REQUIRED: ADVISE STATUS OF DESIGN SOONEST. IF NOT FORTHCOMING, SHALL POST DESIGN IN LINE WITH SPECS IN PLAN A-4?

C) CONTRACTOR WILL INSTALL AND SUPPLY WATER AND ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS FOR THE PULLMAN UNIT (KITCHENETTE) AS REQUIRED IN CONTRACT.

4. RECENT MODIFICATIONS AND EXTRA COST ITEMS

A) ATHENS POWER COMPANY CHARGE TO PROVIDE/INSTALL ELECTRIC METERS. ESTIMATE COST - \$1200.00 (SHARED CHARGE). SEE ATHENS 12963 OF 12/7/76.

B) CONTRACT PROVIDES FOR USIA TO PURCHASE (LOCALLY) ONE METAL CLAD DOOR FOR THE VAULT IN ROOM 13. SEE PLAN A-4
ESTIMATED COST - \$350.00 (CHARGE USIA)

C) WHEN WALLS WERE DEMOLISHED (USIA SECTION ONLY), IT WAS NOTED THAT THE FLOOR LEVELS WERE DIFFERENT. THEY VARY FROM 2 TO 5 CMS AND WILL BE CORRECTED BY REMOVING A NARROW SECTION

OF THE MISALIGNED FLOORS AND JOINING THEM TOGETHER ON A SLIGHT SLANT.

ESTIMATED COST: \$2200.00 (USIA CHARGE)

D) RSO REQUESTED 6 MM THICK STEEL PANELING TO BE INSTALLED ON THE 2ND FLOOR (USIS) BELOW THE BULLET PROOF GLASS AND COUNTER OF THE SECURITY BOOTH, THE WALL OPPOSITE THE ENTRANCE, AND ON THE SOLID WOOD DOOR LEADING TO ROOM NO 1. THIS DOOR WILL ALSO SERVE AS "2 HOUR FIRE DOOR". SEE PLAN A-4.

ESTIMATED COST \$15050.00 (CHARGE USIA ANTITERRORISM FUNDS).

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E) USIS REQUIRES ADDITIONAL WIRING FOR LOUDSPEAKERS, MICROPHONES, CONNECTIONS, ETC., AND SEVERAL 110 VOLT OUTLETS FOR THE AUDITORIUM AREA. ESTIMATES WILL BE SUBMITTED ASAP.

F) MEDICAL UNIT REQUIRES INSTALLATION OF 3 WASH BASINS, REQUIRED PLUMBING, PARTIAL TILING OF 3 WALLS AROUND BASINS, REPOSITIONING 1 DOOR AND MODIFICATION OF A WALL. SEE PLAN A-2. THIS WAS TO BE DONE BY EMBASSY PLUMBING AND MASON UNITS BUT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AS BOTH SECTIONS ARE DOWN TO A SINGLE MAN (ONE PLUMBER) BECAUSE OF EXTENDED ILLNESS AND THE INABILITY TO REPLACE A MAN WHO RESIGNED. ESTIMATED COST - \$1800 (SHARED CHARGE).

G) MEDICAL UNIT ALSO REQUIRES A LIGHT WALL PARTITION WITH DOOR TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THEIR WAITING ROOM JUST OPPOSITE THE LOBBY. LIGHTING MUST BE REARRANGED. ESTIMATED COST (TO BE CONFIRMED) \$500 (SHARED CHARGE).
REQUEST POST ALLOTMENT BE INCREASED TO FUND ITEMS 4-(A) THROUGH (G) ABOVE.

5. A FEW OTHER SMALL MODIFICATIONS, INCLUDING VIDEO CABLES, SY GALVANIZED CONDUITS, AND PULL BOXES TO PERMIT FUTURE CABLE INSTALLATIONS ARE TO BE INSTALLED IN OR ADJACENT TO THE UNDERGROUND 12" PIPE. WHERE POSSIBLE, COSTS WILL BE ABSORBED BY EMBASSY. IF THE PROJECT IS TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN AN ACCEPTABLE

TIME FRAME, NEW MODIFICATIONS, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS MUST BE RESTRAINED. WE REQUIRE COMPLETE JUSTIFICATION AND SCREEN CLOSELY BUT THE TIME IS AT HAND TO RESTRICT THEM UNLESS THEY PROVE UNCLASSIFIED

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TO BE ESSENTIAL RATHER THAN CONVENIENT.
POST HOPES THAT BOTH USIA'S HETHERINGTON AND KARRAS CAN REVIEW THE WORK ON SITE AS DISCUSSED WITH PAO HARATUNIAN.
A SUGGESTED ETA WILL BE SENT WHEN THE POST CAN BE MORE PRECISE IN PROVIDING AN ACTUAL COMPLETION DATE.

6. FYI, 12/12/77, AN RCO TECH COMPLETED A DETAILED FULL-SCALE SITE SURVEY FOR THE EPABX TELEPHONE INSTALLATION. PRE-INSTALLATION PREPARATION (FRAME ROOM, NUMEROUS CONDUITS AND RELATED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS) FOR THE ANNEX WILL BE VERY EXTENSIVE (AND PROBABLY EXPENSIVE) AND WILL REQUIRE ANOTHER CONTRACT. IT IS HOPED THE CURRENT GENERAL CONTRACTOR WILL DO THE JOB SO HE CAN REDIRECT PRIORITIES, DOVETAIL SEVERAL PROJECTS AND SAVE TIME. DETAILED PLANS ARE BEING PREPARED AND A NEGOTIATED ADDENDUM TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT IS PROBABLY THE BEST SOLUTION TO ACHIEVING THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE COMPLETION DATE.

THE RCO TECH ESTIMATES THE ACTUAL EPABX INSTALLATION WILL TAKE 3 WEEKS AND PERHAPS ANOTHER WEEK OR MORE WILL BE LOST DOING THE PRE-INSTALLATION WORK. THE CONTRACTOR AND THE RCO WORKING IN CLOSE HARMONY MIGHT SAVE SOME OF THIS ADDITIONAL DELAY. MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS PERTAINING TO TIMING WILL BE SUBMITTED AS IT IS DEVELOPED. THIS INSTALLATION WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A TELEGRAM BETWEEN RCO, KARACHI AND THE DEPARTMENT (OC/PE).

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